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Status

- 1) Responsive to communication(s) filed on 06 October 2004.

2a) This action is **FINAL**. 2b) This action is non-final.

3) Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) Claim(s) 1,2,3-27,34 and 37 is/are pending in the application.
4a) Of the above claim(s) 28-33,35,36 and 38-40 is/are withdrawn from consideration.

5) Claim(s) 2,4,5 and 34 is/are allowed.

6) Claim(s) 1,6-11 and 37 is/are rejected.

7) Claim(s) 12-27 is/are objected to.

8) Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) The specification is objected to by the Examiner.

10) The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) accepted or b) objected to by the Examiner.

Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).

Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).

11) The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
a) All b) Some * c) None of:
1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a))

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

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Attachment(s)

- 1) Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2) Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3) Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO/SB/08)
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Examiner's Detailed Office Action

1. This Office Action is responsive to communication filed 10/06/2004.
2. Claims 1, 2, 3-27 & 37 have been examined.
3. Claim 3 has been cancelled, and claims 2, 4, 5 & 34 has been allowed.
4. Claims 28-33, 35, 36, & 38-40 have been withdrawn.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112

5. The following is a quotation of the second paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112:

The specification shall conclude with one or more claims particularly pointing out and distinctly claiming the subject matter which the applicant regards as his invention.
6. Claims 6-8 & 9 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention. Claims 6-8 submitted (10/06/2004) due not have any dependency listed, and claim 9 is dependent upon claim 8 which has been addressed.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

7. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

8. Claims 1, 10, 11 & 37 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Decision Edge for Fraud and Abuse Management, IBM, 1998.

Regarding claims 1.

IBM describes a computer implemented system for analyzing results of a predictive model applied to a data pertaining to a plurality of entities, the method comprising: a predictive model that scores the entities and provides a rank ordered listing of at least some of the entities, and at least one reason for each listed entity; [see pages 1-7] and for each reason, a report tree hyperlinked to the reason and containing a plurality of hyperlinked reports, including at least one summary level report providing a summary of data contributing to the reason the entity is included in the rank ordered listing: wherein the entities are healthcare entities and the predictive model is for identifying suspicious healthcare entities from data including healthcare procedure reimbursement transactions associated with the entities. [see pages 1-7]

Regarding claims 10 & 11.

IBM describes a computer implemented system for analyzing results of a predictive model applied to a data pertaining to a plurality of entities, the method comprising:

providing a predictive model for scoring the entities; [see pages 1-7]
displaying a rank ordering at least some of the entities according to their scores, and for each of the displayed entities, providing a hyperlink to a report tree containing a plurality of hyperlinked reports, including at least one summary report providing a quantitative summary of data contributing to a reason the entity is included in the rank ordered listing; [see pages 1-7]
wherein the entities are healthcare entities and the predictive model is for identifying suspicious healthcare entities from data including healthcare procedure reimbursement transactions associated with the entities. [see pages 1-7]

Regarding claim 37.

IBM describes a system for analyzing activities of entities, the system comprising:
a data source including activity data for a plurality of entities; [see pages 1-7]
a predictive model communicatively coupled to the data source that executes on the activity data, and generates an ordered list of suspect entities, the ordered list of entities selected based on their predictive model Scores; [see pages 1-7] and
a report tree containing a hierarchy of predetermined reports, each report hyperlinked to at least one other report, and containing at least one summary report of a selected entity's activity in a selected time period, a report applied to selected activity data of the selected entity in response to the report being accessed in the report tree; [see pages 1-7]
wherein the entities are healthcare entities and the predictive model is for identifying suspicious healthcare entities from data including healthcare procedure reimbursement transactions associated with the entities. [see pages 1-7]

Claim Objection(s)

9. Claims 12-27 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Allowable Subject Matter

10. Claims 2, 4, 5 & 37 are allowed.

Correspondence Information

11. Any inquires concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Michael B. Holmes, who may be reached Monday through Friday, between 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. EST. or via telephone at (571) 272-3686 or facsimile transmission (571) 273-3686 or email michael.holmesb@uspto.gov.

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If attempts to reach the examiner are unsuccessful the Examiner's Supervisor, Anthony Knight, may be reached at (571) 272-3687.

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Patent Examiner

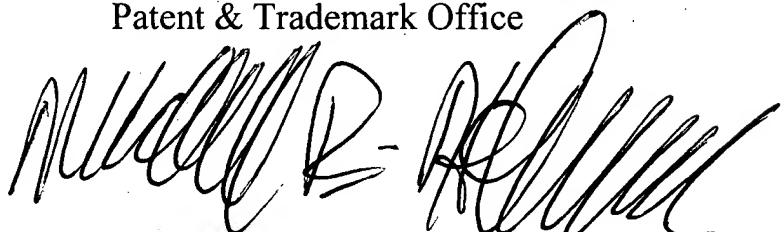
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A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Michael B. Holmes", is positioned to the right of the typed name and title.